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1. THE FRG DCM RHEKER TOLD US THAT VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFIARS CZYREK CALLED THE FRG EMBASSY EARLY THE MORNING OF MAY 7 URGENTLY SUMMONING AMBASSADOR REUTE TO A MEETING. RHEKER SPECULATED THAT THE NEWS OF BRANDT'S RESIGNATION MUST HAVE COME AS SOMETHING OF A SHOCK TO THE GOP, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT IMPASSE IN THE FRG-POLISH NEGOTIATIONS ON CREDITS, WHICH MAY NOT BE SERVED WELL BY A CHANGE N THE FRG GOVERNMENT.

2. RHEKER TOLD US THAT A FURTHER COMPLICATION WAS THAT THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE'S REPORT ON VAN WELL'S RECENT TALKS IN WARSAW WITH CZYREK HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE TO THE CABINET. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD BEEN PREPARED TO PROPOSE THAT SINCE POLAND IS A SPECIAL CASE, AS A MORAL GESTURE SOMETHING BE OFFERED POLAND ON INDEMNIFICATION, AT LEAST TO FORMER CONCENTRATION CAMP INMATES, AS LONG AS IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE A PRECEDENT FOR OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THIS WOULD BE SPECIFICALLY LINKED TO
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A LEVEL OF REPATRIATION OF ETHNIC GERMANS ACCEPTABLE TO THE

FRG. RHEKER OPINED THAT BRANDT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE AMENABLE TO SUCH A PROPOSAL THAN HIS SUCCESSOR IS LIKELY TO BE.

3. AS AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT, RHEKER NOTED THAT THE ORIGINAL DATE FOR GIEREK'S VISIT TO THE FRG TENTATIVELY SET LAST FALL WAS MAY 7-8 AND IT WOULD THUS HAVE HAD TO BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED HAD IT NOT FALLEN VICTIM IN THE INTERIM TO THE SOURING OF FRG-POLISH RELATIONS.
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